

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Lead High School Class of 1955 will be celebrating its 50-year reunion in Lead, South Dakota, on September 9-11, 2005, with friendship and camaraderie to be the order of each day; and,

Whereas, Classmates will revisit the same old stories of favorite and non-favorite teachers, games won and those almost won, musical programs, plays, debates, dreams pursued, and dreams gone by; and,

Whereas, Classmates will also reminisce about their commencement exercise, which was held on Tuesday, May 24, 1955, as the high school orchestra played the procession that ushered 91 graduates into the Lead High School auditorium with Dr. Allan Siemers as their class sponsor; and,

Whereas, Superintendent R .V. Hunkins awarded the diplomas, Principal F. D. Fitcher announced honor and awards, and President John Headley, State College in Brookings, provided the commencement address, "Resources Unlimited"; and,

Whereas, Special honors were also extended at commencement exercises to the six surviving members of a class of nine that graduated in 1905, and congratulations were given to Miss Nina Nation, who retired with 30 years of service and Miss Helen Chaney, who retired with 31 years of teaching; and,

Whereas, The alumni of 1955 will discover many changes in the school, the town, and each other, while paying tribute to the 11 classmates that have passed away, however, what will remain the same will be the warm smiles, friendly greetings, school spirit, and the fun of being together again that has always lured them back; and,

Whereas, A reverent respect for the past is a deeply felt value among South Dakotans who know that the times past are the only things that really last, and it is appropriate for the Governor to make note of this special gathering:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 9-11, 2005, as

LEAD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1955 REUNION DAYS

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State